

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert A. HALLOWITZ et al.

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Examiner: R. ZEMAN

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CORRECTED AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Presented below is a copy of an amendment originally filed April 2, 2002 that has been corrected as mentioned by the Examiner in a communication dated June 26, 2002 (paper #18). The Examiner stated that the clean copy and marked up copy of the amendment to page 1 lines 4-8 of the specification did not correspond. The rest of the amendment is repeated without changes.

In response to the office action dated August 16, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 4-8 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is related to U.S. Ser. No. 09/139,663 filed August 25, 1998 which is a 371 of PCT/US97/18649, filed October 15, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Ser. No. 08/732,782, filed October 15, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,817,458, and U.S. Ser. No. 08/732,784, filed October 15, 1996, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,714,390, all of which are incorporated by reference herein.

Please replace the paragraph on page 18, lines 3-10 with the following amended paragraph: